GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – COVID-19 –Revision of Rates for conducting COVID–19 Tests in Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs – Orders –Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL &FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 382 **Dated: 27-08-2020**

Read the following:

1. G.O.RT.No. 296, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.12.06.2020.
2. From the CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19, Lr.No.Dr.YSRAHCT/COVID-19/1365/2020, dt.19.08.2020.

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ORDER:

In the G.O.1st read above, Government have fixed the cost of COVID-19 testing in the ICMR approved private NABL Labs (RT-PCR). The total cost was fixed at Rs.2,400/- for samples referred by the State Government and Rs.2,900/- for the individuals directly approaching ICMR approved NABL Labs for COVID-19 testing, which includes both the screening test and confirmatory test.

2. The CEO, Dr.YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19 in the Letter 2nd read above, has stated that in view of increased availability of kits and reduction in the cost of both RNA extraction and RT-PCR kits and also keeping in view of competition as more firms started manufacturing RNA extraction kits and RT-PCR kits, the cost of the kits came down. The Private labs must pass on benefits to people as high testing rates have been seen as an obstacle in getting more people to get tested for the COVID -19 and requested to revise the rates for COVID-19 testing.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby revised the rates for RT-PCR testing to be charged by the private laboratories as follows:

S.No	Category	Price-per each Sample
1.	For Samples sent by the Government (including pooled samples*)	Rs.1,600/-
2.	Individuals approaching ICMR approved NABL labs for COVID testing (walk-in-testing)	Rs.1,900/-

(*One pool sample consists of 5 individual samples, if any pool is found to be positive, the same batch has to be tested individually, and payment will given treating them as individual samples, apart from payment to pooled sample.)

4. Testing can be done only in the ICMR approved Laboratories and all other conditions laid down by the ICMR and the State Government shall apply.

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5. All the Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs are instructed to follow the above guidelines and all the Hospitals/Institutes/Labs are instructed to display the rates in visible manner.

6. Further, all the DMHOs are directed to monitor closely, enforce the prices strictly and give wide publicity.

7. The CEO., Dr.YSR AHCT shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The CEO, Dr YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs COVID – 19.
Copy to:
The Commissioner, Health & Family welfare, Govt. of AP.
All the DM&HOs in the State
All District Collectors in the State.
The Director of Public Health, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
OSD to Dy. C.M.(H,FW&ME).
P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to HM&FW Department.
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